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Monday Morning, May 4, 1863.

**TO ADVERTISERS.**  
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**JOB PRINTING.**  
Book and Job Printing of every description neatly executed. Terms, cash on delivery of the work.

## MEXICO.

The French may now be said to have fully commenced active operations against the forces of Juarez. Notwithstanding the multitude of contradictory reports of a constant series of reverses on their side, and many number of almost impossible victories on the part of the Mexicans, it appears to us that anything in the shape of war in earnest has not taken place till now. We can account for the hitherto slow progress of the French only upon the hypothesis that they wished to try a peace policy, or rather one of delay, hoping that their object would be obtained by the disintegration of the present party in power. They expected, no doubt, that divisions would arise among the various Mexican chiefs, according to their custom, and that some of the parties would be found seeking assistance from the invaders. But this state of things has not come to pass. Divisions have arisen among the Mexicans; jealousies no doubt weaken their councils, but still they have amounted to nothing serious as yet. So we may conclude that the forbearance of the French has not been productive of the results which they anticipated. Such being the case, it was only for them to retrace their steps, and abandon the expedition altogether or at once proceed to vigorous measures. To a military power like France, the former alternative would almost inevitably be productive of a serious loss of prestige. It would never do for them to fail where an army such as the American had succeeded. If the bird of Washington had spread his wings in the Halls of Montezuma, the eagle of France should never fly home till they also had been there. The war then must be prosecuted to its termination whenever that be. Longer delay will not be tolerated by the people at home. The French are accustomed to rapid campaigns, and the length of time the present army of Mexico cannot be altogether satisfactory, so henceforth we may expect quick work. There is now little to prevent the advance to the capital, as the means of transport must have arrived by this time from the United States. Puebla, which is the only serious obstacle in the way is ere this no doubt captured. Strong though it may be, it could not hope to hold out long against improved European artillery, backed by brave and disciplined troops, such as France's command is composed of. From the capture of Puebla that of the city of Mexico is but a step. The latter taken, it is not likely there will be a much longer contest. The Mexicans are strong in their pretensions of the resolution to die "in the last ditch" they will come to terms, but we doubt if they will hold together that long. France will find a sufficient number of prominent men from various parts of the country ready to gratify their personal ambition by assisting to carry out the Emperor's programme—always, of course, supposing the Emperor's government under the protection of the French army. A government once organized, it must stand. The Emperor has no intention of going to all the present expense to see his work toppled to pieces like a house of cards. And, really, looking at the matter candidly, and without national jealousy, it must be acknowledged that the world will be a gainer by the transaction. It may be galling to Mexican pride to be held in the leading string of any European power, but they can have little right to complain, as they have proved that hitherto they have been unable to govern themselves. A nation that will persist in destroying itself by civil war, is fairly brought to conquest. To us, who live in these colonies, it is practically a matter of little consequence who is to rule Mexico, so long as there is a strong, and at the same time enlightened, government. It is a matter of the deepest interest that such conditions should exist. We must naturally desire the shortening of the route between here and Europe. The completion of a railway from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific over Mexican territory would do this most effectually. It would do more—it would bring us in direct communication with Mexican ports. It would eventually be the means of opening an enterprise trade between that country and these colonies, where our coal, and resources in lumbering, our ship-building, and fishing, could be brought into play, in exchange for their immense variety of products. A firm and permanent government where there now is nothing but a chronic state of anarchy, would enable this to be brought about. British capital, which already is invested there to a considerable extent would be increased, and instead of a line of steamers between here and Panama, we would have hundreds of miles by having a British line running between Acapulco and this City. We might expect then to share some portion of the trade in which California is annually deriving increased advantages. According to an article in a late number of the San Francisco Mercantile Gazette, this trade, for last year has vastly increased; over-running, in fact, that of the two previous years combined. In 1861 it amounted to \$217,335; and in 1862, to \$484,217. These figures show the growing importance of the commerce of the west coast of Mexico, notwithstanding the unsatisfactory state of the country. Under a good government, there is no telling how great it would become.

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HUDSON BAY CO'S WHARF.

Now landing from the Brig "SHEET ANCHOR,"

And will be sold without reserve on a

LIBERAL CREDIT.

440 qr sacks Golden Gate Super-

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80 kegs Boston Syrup, 5 gallons

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LITTLE'S WHARF.

TO BE PEREMPTORILY SOLD FOR

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On Wednesday next, the 6th

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SEVERAL THOUSAND FEET OF

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VICTORIA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEET-

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Room, Government street, on MONDAY next, the

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By order of the President,

A. F. MAIN,

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UNION HOOK AND LADDER CO.

THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEET-

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By order,

W. HANSON,

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TO CARPENTERS.

TENDERS ARE REQUIRED FOR

the Carpenter work of a Stone Dwell-

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